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My ornaments are arms,  
My pastime is in war,  
By bed is cold upon the world,  
My bed is cold upon the world,  
My lamp yon star.

My journeyings are long,  
My slumbers short and broken;  
From hill to hill I wander still,  
Kissing thy token.

I ride from land to land,  
I sail from sea to sea;  
Some day more kind I fate may find,  
Some night kiss thee.  
—Lockhart.



# SPORTING.

## Riverton Racing Club.

### ANNUAL RACES.

**Easter Saturday.**

**Easter Monday.**

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Racing at Riverton and Lawrence on  
Saturday.

Racing at Riverton, Lawrence and Ric-  
carton on Monday.

Great Autumn Handicap will be run at  
Riccarton on Tuesday.

Splendid train service has been arranged  
for the Riverton meeting on Saturday and  
Monday.

Though he ran very greenly at the local  
meeting, both the distance and opposition  
should suit him and I expect to see Bengo-  
roop win the Trial Stakes at Riverton, like  
he won the Lumsden Cup. They are a  
bad lot opposed to him.

### THE RIVERTON ANTICIPATIONS.

Though a dozen paid up in the Waikato  
Steeplechase at Riverton on Saturday,  
there is a good deal of difficulty in finding  
three horses likely to get round the  
course and fill the places. What we saw  
of Magdala, Tokomairiri, and Fair Play  
recently makes them unlikely winners.

Rokelaine, if well, has certainly got  
better performances than Silver Peak, and  
so has all the best of the handicap, on  
paper, in the Aparima Handicap, but is  
she well? Silver Peak ran two good races  
at Invercargill and I think will win again  
at Riverton. On Invercargill form neither  
Linden nor Glensponse can have any  
chance with her as she only meets them  
on 3lbs and 4lbs worse terms.

In the Bluff Handicap at Invercargill  
Primum 8.6 first, and Mettle Drift 8.5  
second, beat a fairly useful lot out of  
sight. In the First County at Riverton  
Primum with 8.5 and Mettle Drift with  
7.8 should find the much weaker opposi-  
tion very soft stuff, especially if Jock's  
owners decide to run their horse in either  
of the other two engagements he has.

With Tin Soldier and Samiel both en-  
gaged in the Cup and Pourakino Handicap  
Hymers' owners appear to hold a very  
strong mortgage over both races should  
one be started in each. Tin Soldier ran  
two sterling races at Invercargill, a good  
horseman up in the Cup would have won  
the race for his owners too, and he only  
meets Rorke's Drift on 3lbs, Almoner 6lbs,  
and Jock 4lbs worse terms than when he  
ran away from them in the Awarua Handi-  
cap last Thursday. Should Messrs Price  
Bros. take on the Cup he looks a moral  
to beat all but his stable-companion,  
Samiel. The latter carried 3.4 in the mile  
race at Invercargill on the first day and  
won easily by four lengths, and in con-  
nection with this horse it should be noted  
that Thaddeus, who ran third to him now  
meets him in the Cup on no less than 18lbs  
better terms. The Wingatui horse ran  
two good races at Gore and under high  
weights two good races again at Inver-  
cargill. He is the most likely to upset  
Hymers' best, but Samiel who will have  
George Young in the saddle looks good.

The Great Western Steeplechase looks  
like being a match between Hogan's pair,  
Zarkoma and Silverspire again, and as the  
former is the better stayer he will prob-  
ably win again. Both horses will be im-  
proved by their recent racing, and on  
Invercargill from none of the others who  
raced at the meeting can be given chances.  
Palladio, who is now trained by Tilford at  
Orari has not had a race since last June,  
and Kintailshore and Luigi are not class  
enough.

The Boss 8.0, an improving horse, won  
so easily over seven furlongs on Thurs-  
day last, that in a race with the minimum  
fixed half a stone higher, and only 8.6 he  
should feel quite at home in the Visitors'

Black race at Riverton.

Miss Camouflage meets Kilkee on the  
same terms in the Pourakino Handicap  
at Riverton as when she beat him most  
decisively in the Winter Oats at the local  
meeting last week. Others in the same  
race she meets well are Golden King 6lbs  
better, Marianne 1lb better, and Buller  
4lbs worse. Surely Mr Jones, in framing  
his re-handicaps overlooked the fact that  
Miss Camouflage carried nearly half a  
stone over-weight. She will be hard!

George Young will be riding at River-  
ton on Saturday and Riccarton on Mon-  
day and Tuesday. I guess he'll ride fur-  
ther and faster on Sunday.

Loyalty to stable lads is a nice spirit for  
owners to show, but its terrible costly  
sometimes when carried out.

Should George Young be on Silver Peak,  
Primum, Samiel, The Boss, and Miss  
Camouflage again at Riverton he might  
easily repeat his record at Invercargill.

The steeplechasers engaged at Riverton  
are not a classy lot.

Tim O'Connor is about again, a bit stiff  
and sore, but still game. He can't ride  
at Riverton.

The brightest spot about Bright Spot  
would appear to be the price she brought  
in her late owner.

Ay-life is to be sprinted again at  
Riverton. A good hack, but very very  
ordinary as a racehorse in open company.

Chrisie's steeplechasers are not a like-  
ly lot this autumn.

Alex McIvor looks like having two  
intimate old friends in Andy McKay and  
Buller to get out of the barrier at River-  
ton on Saturday and Monday. For Alex's  
sake let us hope that Andy and Buller  
ain't partners!

Buller and Robert Bell, two of the best  
of the defunct Camrobert's stock, are both  
on the downward grade now.

Wild Pilgrim is a useful cut and come  
again sort, and may yet win a hurdle race  
for his popular owner. He has now twice  
won the local Disposal Stakes.

A rule of racing provides that all jockeys,  
whether in a jumping or flat race, shall  
wear an approved skull cap. At the  
Clifden meeting this rule was very fre-  
quently not complied with. "Billy" Robin-  
son, as the local representative of the  
Jockey's Union, should see that important  
matters like this are not overlooked by his  
members.

Warlike cost his followers a lot of  
money away from the course on both  
Wednesday and Thursday.

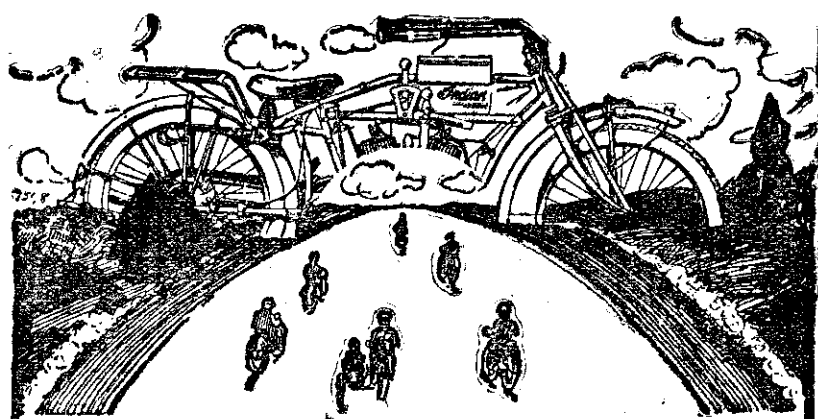
Remember Bob McKay likes Radial's  
chance in the Great Easter Handicap on  
Saturday.

Punters should remember that the  
totalisator accommodation at Riverton is  
limited and they should get in early.

Everyone was glad to see Bill Stone  
have a couple of wins at Invercargill. He  
is a good sport, and always ready to tell  
a digger whether his horses have a chance.  
He'll always give a chap a lift on the  
road too, an act of kindness many who  
drive motors never think of.

More apprentices are wanted or else the  
art of race-riding will die out with the  
old hands now at the game. The riding at  
the local meeting was frequently bad, and  
to encourage apprentices a race should be  
put on by every club for apprentices only.

Racing is evidently becoming more  
popular in Southland with a class that has  
hitherto associated themselves with semi-  
religious matters. At the recent Inver-  
cargill meeting I noticed several prominent  
leaders of the prohibition party in Inver-



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With Rorke's Drift, Tin Soldier, and  
Samiel all owned or part owned by dig-  
gers, the boys from the front (and Tren-  
tham, d-- that stew) will have some dif-  
ficulty in selecting which to put their  
loyal half-quid on. Mine will be on what  
George Young rides, and I think he'll just  
about get there too. It's a winning way  
young George has with him just now.

Should "York's Drift" win the River-  
ton Cup he would get a rousing recep-  
tion from the diggers present. Fred was  
a great battler for the boys at the front,  
and the old horse never won a race that  
Fred didn't give a decent donation out of  
to some patriotic fund. He, too, was  
largely instrumental in keeping the  
"tuck shop" at the Wallacetown yards  
going for the Red Cross Society. Rorke's  
Drifts other part owner "V.N." was some  
digger too.

Mr Stone's horses have won him nearly  
£2,500 in stakes this season. Good luck  
to him, and may he make it an even  
£3000 at Riverton.

Old Rorke's Drift will be well favoured  
with the long straight at Riverton, and  
anything not doing his best towards the  
finish is sure to be given the "go-by" by  
Fred Price's old champion.

The Lawrence Club received good ac-  
ceptances for their annual races on  
Saturday.

Listening Post's nomination for the  
Wellington meeting were overlooked.

Local owners of trotters are complain-  
ing that no programme for the May meet-  
ing at Forbury Park are available.

Palladio who has not raced since the  
last Winter meeting at Wingatui has paid  
up in the big steeplechase at Riverton.

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